

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TSPA, JA  
SUBJECT: SPACE SHUTTLE CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: TOKYO 6923 AND PREVIOUS

GOJ CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE WITH THE PROBLEM OF GRANTING  
CLEARANCE FOR USE OF KADENA FOR SPACE SHUTTLE CONTINGENCY  
LANDING. SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS DIVISION, UN BUREAU, MOFA  
HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT WANTS TO RESPOND TO NASA'S  
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE KADENA BUT, BEFORE GIVING  
FORMAL CONSENT, WOULD LIKE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE  
FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

(A) SHUTTLE ORBITER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE GROUND  
AFTER RE-ENTRY. THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT WANTS TO KNOW  
WHETHER THE SHUTTLE CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS AN ORDINARY  
AIRCRAFT SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH THE GROUND CONTROL SYSTEM. FYI: DEP. ADM. LOVELACE  
HAS TOLD US THAT SHUTTLE ORBITER IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS  
AIRCRAFT BY USG. END FYI.

(B) THE POSSIBILITY OF KADENA AIRFIELD FACILITIES  
UNDERGOING PERMANENT PHYSICAL MODIFICATION FOR SHUTTLE  
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EMERGENCY LANDING PURPOSES, A CONCERN WHICH HAS BEEN  
EXPRESSED BY THE SECURITY DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN  
AFFAIRS BUREAU. FYI: DR. LOVELACE WAS OF OPINION THAT  
NO PERMANENT MODS WERE NECESSARY FOR CONTINGENCY  
LANDING FIELDS. END FYI. MANSFIELD

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